

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

FROM THE AOU

At its annual meeting in Toronto, Ontario on 21 August 1966 the AOU elected the following officers:

Harold F. Mayfield, President	L. Richard Mewaldt, Secretary
John W. Aldrich, First Vice-President	Burt L. Monroe, Sr., Treasurer
Eugene Eisenmann, Second Vice-President	Oliver L. Austin, Jr., Editor

The Brewster Medal was awarded to W. E. Clyde Todd for his book, "Birds of the Labrador Peninsula." Mr. Todd, the senior member of the AOU, is the first person to win the Brewster Medal for the second time.

The Smithsonian Institution and the United States Department of the Interior have designated part of their page allotment under the National Science Foundation translation program for the six volumes of Dement'ev and Gladkov: "The Birds of the Soviet Union." The series is being translated in Jerusalem by the Israel Program for Scientific Translations which holds the copyright. Drs. A. Birron and Z. S. Cole are the translators and Dr. Cole is editor. Volume 1 has already appeared and is available for \$3.00, paper-bound, from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Clearing House for Federal Scientific and Technical Information, Springfield, Virginia 22151. The translation for Volume 4 has been completed and page proof has been read. It should appear in late 1967, barring unforeseen problems in the Middle East. Unfortunately, Dr. Cole died this year and translation has been interrupted. Before he died, however, Volume 6 was almost completed, volumes 2 and 3 were each about one third translated but Volume 5 was not yet started. The schedule for issuing the remaining four volumes will be announced after a new translator and editor have been found.

Royal Terns from coastal Virginia have recently been color banded as part of a study by P. A. and F. G. Buckley on variation in chick color. A total of ten different colors have been used (including light blue, purple and dark blue); three at a time plus one Fish and Wildlife band, have been placed on each bird, in unique combinations. Anyone observing such a banded bird is asked to send a postcard to Dr. Buckley, Department of Biology, Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Virginia 23508, with the following information on it: date, location, and observer's name, plus the band colors and their positions (upper/lower, right or left leg). Assistance in this project will be greatly appreciated.

Joanna Burger and Richard Brownstein of Buffalo, New York, are working on the distribution and migratory behavior of the Bonaparte's Gull. The gulls are dyed a bright color and banded. The color used denotes the date of the marking session. All birds are color marked in Buffalo. If you see any unusually colored Bonaparte's Gull, please send the following information to Joanna Burger, Department of Biology, State University College, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14222: Date, Location, Color, Number of marked individuals, and the Number of unmarked Bonaparte's Gulls with the color marked gulls. Any other data from personal records on the distribution and movement of these gulls would also be appreciated.